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## OTHER NATIONAL PERILS.

We invite the attention of Major General Carter to the Germans who have performed military service in the Fatherland before coming to America where they vastly exceed the Japanese in numbers. Are they not a peculiarly dangerous element and would they not spring to arms the moment the Kaiser should raise a popular diversion against socialist progress by attacking the Monroe doctrine? Three-fifths of these Germans are probably ex-soldiers; and while they look as peaceable over their beer as the Japanese do over their tea, there is no telling! A single wharwhop from Postdam might bring them to their feet with a resounding "Hoch!" and then all would be over in a day or two. Can any thoughtful American ever forget the cold chill which went through England in scareship times when they found that 62,000 Germans of military training lived in London, literally sleeping on their arms! And what are 62,000 to the embattled Teuton host which stretches from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Lakes to the Gulf within sound of each others' profligate?

Then observe the thousands upon thousands of Italian reserves that are being strategically placed at ocean ports. They are representatives of the Dreibund and if the War Lord of Germany should give the grand sign to King Victor Emanuel, who else knows what dire things might happen in doomed America? If the Italians couldn't fight they could at least poison our spaghetti for which they have cultivated an insidious taste in the American palate.

It seems a waste of military genius to keep the searchlight on the comparatively few Japanese in Hawaii and California and overlook the growth of an international conspiracy on this scale. The Japs have nothing but cane knives to fight with, as yet, but the Germans have schutzen verein and Italians are armed from the belt up. And have not the Germans and their allies got command of some of our choicest points of vantage? One set of these plotters controls the upper Mississippi from St. Louis, where every brewery is an arsenal which can promptly be turned into a well-provisioned fort. The mouth of the Mississippi could be easily terrorized by the Italian mafia. One section of the great lakes is menaced from Milwaukee where there is a line of easily fortified breweries on the waterfront, which, if captured, would be even more dangerous to the morale of the United States army than if they had withstood even as tremendous an assault as the army would be inspired to make. Another section would be menaced by Chicago which has more Germans than London discovered in unsuspected intrenchments. At the other end of the lake system stands Buffalo, with embattled breweries on every hand. Now turn and look at both coasts! New York is full of Germans, all of them capable of bearing arms, at least in the early part of the day, and there are enough Italians to keep the Irish police as busy as they would be at Donnybrook; and from the Rainer fortress on the Sound to the Prima Brewery at San Diego, a continuous line of German flags could be raised on the Pacific coast.

Major General Carter should not be blind to these grave perils, and if he will kindly leave the Japanese menace to Captain Hobson, Mr. Hearst, Lieutenant General Homer Lea and the Hawaiian militia, and turn his field-glasses on the German muster, he may live to earn the thanks of his endangered country. Meanwhile the Hawaiian militia is going to have a new armory and may be able to keep the Kawaharas and Imotos in check by holding their wives and families as hostages for their good behavior.

## THE CONVERSION OF SAN FRANCISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 15.—Gypsy Smith the well-known evangelist marched through the streets of San Francisco yesterday at the head of a monster church parade. There were many thousands in line.

"Gypsy" Smith is a remarkable man. He started out in the religious life with the English Salvation Army and soon made a greater personal reputation than the discipline of that army permits any follower of General Booth to acquire. He soon was in great popular demand as a speaker and found the need of a wider field, so he left the Salvationists and started out for himself, doing his most notable work in America.

The cable brings word that he is now doing evangelistic work in San Francisco, where success, if it can be achieved, would make him the central figure of evangelistic effort. San Francisco, of all large American cities, makes the least response to the Protestant appeal. Its origin as an American town was that of a mining camp occupied by multitudes of young men who had no restraining family ties. They had left their homes behind them and San Francisco society, for many years, lacked the steady influence of good women. Teachers and preachers came, but the tide was against them. Not until the Civil War days did any Protestant clergyman get a fair hearing in the community and he was the Unitarian, Staff King, whose theme was "The Union, One and Inseparable." San Francisco heard him for his eloquence and his politics, but neither he nor any other preacher has won San Francisco from its worship of Mammon, the town remained, through the "roaring seventies" and beyond, as Bret Harte described it, and the pace then set did not much falter even under the wrath of fire and earthquake. Almost any other American city would have had a gigantic revival of religion after that April day of 1904; but San Francisco rebuilt nothing sooner than it did its French restaurants and returned, as soon as it could, to the old, devil-may-care life. Not even New Orleans has come nearer to the worst phases of the Parisian model, and whenever the spirit of reform and regeneration has started up, it has been political rather than religious.

It is this barren field which "Gypsy" Smith has entered with all the fervor and eloquence which has won him fame in many other communities. Will he be equal to the task? Will he be able to win where so many have failed—for the religious conquest of San Francisco has been attempted over and over again. To do so he will have to win against the sentiment which lets the saloons run Sunday, which maintains the nine-storied French restaurants, and which spends less on religious projects than on any other American city of similar size.

The Board of Health will go ahead with a general policy of stopping up holes in trees that contain water and thus breed mosquitoes. In this task, which is scientific and desirable, the Star hopes that the Board will have the benefit of public confidence and individual aid. Neither should be withheld. The right of the inspectors to go on private property in search of public nuisances is plain and was admitted by this paper all through the banana crusade; and now that they are coming in a courteous way and without a deprecating spirit or with a rabble from the slums to assist them, they ought to be welcomed. Such work as they are doing is a public sanitary service second only to the filling in of swamp land which is apparently waiting on legislative courses.

Dwellers in this part of the Pacific would be terrorized by such a storm as they had the other day on the North Atlantic coast and as they often have on the Gulf and the great lakes. Should such waves and wind strike our beach as have been lately thundering on the Atlantic strand it is doubtful if any structure would be left intact between the lighthouse on Diamond Head and the one on Barber's Point, excepting the fortified works and some buildings about this harbor. No one who has spent his life in Hawaii has the remotest conception of what a great Atlantic or Gulf storm is like, though Samoa can cite a similar experience.

The Postmaster General proposes to give Congress another large order. He has already urged it to enact a parcels' post law thus doing away with the great express companies, and now he wants it to buy the telegraph, to be operated with the postoffice. As a means of reducing the cost of living either plan has its advantages, but one must admit

Uncle Walt  
The Poet Philosopher

I breathe alases and alackses when I must go and pay my taxes. I know it's not the proper spirit, I know, alas, it isn't near it; I ought to smile a smile seraphic, and say: "I like this sort of traffic." TAXES I ought to greet the tax collector with joy—not chew the rag and hector and say his course is simply pillage; I should be glad to help the village and pony up my dimes and cents to pay legitimate expenses. My fathers bled and died for freedom and other boons—they thought I'd need 'em—and I'm so ornery and trifling I feel myself just fairly stifling with wrath when I some wealth am burning to keep the country's wheels a-turning! Let common ills round me assemble and my firm nerves shall never tremble! I'll view them with a glance heroic, the mien of Spartan or of Stoic, but hear me whoop for battle-axes when I must go and pay my taxes!

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that the financial success of the government business enterprises from running the postoffice to constructing warships in its navy yards, has not been exactly triumphant.

It does not seem likely that the Chinese imperial family will find Jehol a good place to stay in. It is in China and as long as the Manchu dynasty has a foothold anywhere in its old empire, it will be a natural center of intrigue. As a rule it never pays to leave a pretender on the soil, and it never pays one to stay, unless he likes to hazard his life insurance policy.

The news that Miss Stone, the missionary, is going back to Turkey, is calculated to make the treasurer of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions exchange condolences with the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

If the Federal government will fill up the swamp around Fort de Russy it will have a fine precedent for doing a lot more work of the same kind.

Honolulu Chinese revolutionaries ought to hoist the real flag if they hoist any. The present one flies nowhere else.

Colonel Roosevelt sees a good deal more menace in the judicial power than he does in a third term.

Will the Maryland take a look at Judge Cooper's island or is Galapagos more attractive?

## LITTLE INTERVIEWS

R. W. BRECKONS—The tenement situation in this city has been rotten for ten years.

CHARLES STANTON—The real estate situation is satisfactory for this time of the year.

PROF. M. M. SCOTT—You would be surprised to know the amount of taxes paid by the Orientals in Hawaii.

W. O. AIKEN—When I first came to the islands I started in to teach school, and I got a fair wage for my work then.

EDITOR SHEBA—The Japanese people of Hawaii will be glad if the new war scare gets more defensive works for Hawaii.

HON. W. HYDE RICE—No teacher should get less pay than \$40 per month. No self-respecting man or woman can live on less.

P. H. BURNETT—If ever we have war, it's to be hoped that the Hobson-Carter alarmist type get to the front—well to the front. Thereafter we may have peace.

JUDGE STANLEY—I think the scheme to establish a secondary indus-

MARYLAND'S  
MISSION

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of clearing up details that might be necessary in regard to the actual ownership. It is not anticipated that there will be any international complications with regard to the ownership of this island, but apparently there are some details that have to be fixed up, which can only be arranged by a visit to the island itself.

The Maryland Leaves Port.

At 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning a general recall flag was raised high on the staff of the U. S. S. Maryland. This "coronet flag," as the sailors call a square piece of bunting, composed of four colors—blue, white, yellow and red of equal size—was swung aloft to notify all members of the Maryland who had been granted a forty-eight-hour shore leave to return to the ship immediately. For an unexpected summons had arrived during the going down of the sun on Saturday night and the rising of the same on Sunday morning.

Captain John Morris Elliott, U. S. N., was directed to take his ship on a mission—where and for what, time will tell. All day active preparations, coaling and the taking on of supplies, were being rapidly rushed aboard the Maryland, which was "tied up" on the Ewa side of Alakea wharf. Captain Elliott sent his compliments and good-byes to the four captains of the other cruisers in port by signal before noon yesterday.

"Just as the sun went down" the Maryland weighed anchor and quietly wended her way through the harbor out into the open sea, from there to start for Galapagos Islands, Palmyra Island or somewhere else. The destination of the Maryland was not given,

and all is guesswork or prophecy as to its mission.

Plenty of Coal Taken.

The run to Guayaquil is a long one. It is eighteen hundred miles from here. The bunkers of the Maryland were filled to overflowing, and then coal was piled up on her decks. Her bunker capacity is 1040, but she took away from here 1405 tons.

Guayaquil Unhealthy.

It might be thought that there is undue straining after the factitious to say that Guayaquil is unhealthy. This statement has no relation whatever to the fact that there is a revolution going on there, or that revolutions are common. At December 22 last there were fifty-seven cases of plague raging there, and twenty-two deaths had occurred from this disease. There were seven cases of yellow fever and two deaths.

Fleet News Nil.

There was practically a dearth of news around the fleet this morning apart from the talk inseparable from the departure of the Maryland. The South Dakota is being inspected by Admiral Thomas, and this will take some time.

New Orleans Expected Today.

The New Orleans is evidently making faster time than was expected, for she is being looked for this afternoon late, or early this evening from Yokohama, en route to San Francisco. She will go to the Channel wharf and sail as early as possible.

A Refutation.

The Star on Saturday stated on reliable authority that the fleet was getting its fresh supply of potatoes and onions from San Francisco, because there were not enough to go around here. P. A. Smith, of May & Co., called in this morning to refute this. He admitted that there were not nearly enough local supplies, but his firm and others got plenty from the coast. This is what he said:

"At no time since the fleet has been

here have the merchants been unable to supply their requirements for potatoes and onions. The merchants have bid on every proposal for potatoes and onions that has been issued by the paymaster of the fleet or the paymaster of the vessels.

"Every proposal that has come in we have bid on, and if May & Co. did not bid low enough then some other firm got it. I know that local firms have been supplying the fleet all along. There is no question at all about it. The fleet can get all the potatoes and onions it wants."

SPECIAL TRIP  
TO THE VOLCANO

A special excursion is planned for the volcano for February 23. So far nothing definite has been arranged, but the idea is under way.

People who come down here for the floral parade might wish to go to the volcano as well. The Sierra will arrive here on February 22 with a crowd of sightseers from Chicago, and it is pretty well certain that the excellent arrangements made whereby passengers can arrive here on Washington's birthday in time for the procession, and then leave on the same vessel, will attract many from the coast. If the special excursion is carried out, many will be able to take in the Washington birthday celebrations, see the volcano and return by the same boat. This will no doubt appeal to all the passengers by the Sierra, as well as many local people.

## INFESTED FRUIT

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getting the Mediterranean fly from us, by letting our bananas and pineapples in under any condition. The quantity of our bananas is not enough to make very much difference to them, especially as they have access to great quantities from the West Indies, so it is really a concession that we get any consideration at all."

The following is a copy of the letter which puts a ban on infested fruits shipped to California:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

State Commissioner of Horticulture.

San Francisco, January 5, 1912.

Mr. Edw. M. Ehrhorn, Supt. of Agriculture and Forestry, Honolulu, T. H.:

Dear Mr. Ehrhorn—I am enclosing new law which was passed at the special session of California legislature, December 24, 1911, and was signed by the governor January 2, 1912. We will carry out the provisions of this law to the letter just as soon as importers have been advised of the conditions stipulated therein.

You will note that there is no distinction between insects which are found in California and those which are not. They all come under the same ban as long as they are detrimental to our horticultural interests. We will not tolerate the shipping in of bananas infested with Aspidiotus lantanae Chrysomphalus ficus, Hemilichonaspis minor, Pseudococcus citri, and other like insects.

The growers must see that their bananas are clean before they are shipped to California or they will certainly be up against a refusal to land here. We have simply tolerated conditions under the old law as long as possible.

I find that if the bananas are properly trimmed, namely, the blossom ends cut off, there is very little danger of being infested with the most prevalent of these insects, the Mealy bug. It is absolutely impossible for us to inspect the stems of every banana bunch coming in here, especially when the shipments arrive in 3000 and 4000 lots, so when we find marks infested, all bananas under those marks will be held up.

This same rule will also apply to pineapples. I have not taken this matter up with the commission as yet, and thought I would let you know what is going to happen so that you can advise the growers to commence at once to clean up their plantations if they expect to continue shipments to California.

I never could see any reason why we should allow a detrimental insect to enter the state simply because there was a certain section of our state infested with the same insect.

This law absolutely corrects this, and while it may appear very stringent in its provisions, I think the conditions warrant just such a law.

I will write you farther on the matter and will send you many copies of the law with the regulations later, and hope that you will take this matter up at once with your people.

You will note that this new law does not provide for any fumigation or disinfection at this end. Yours respectfully,

(Signed) O. E. BRENNER,  
Chief Deputy Quarantine Officer.

GERMAN CHRISTMAS  
CONCERT A SUCCESS

The Christmas concert given at the German Lutheran church on the evening of December 26th, under the di-

rection of Mr. Chr. Menke, proved a financial success. Tickets were sold to the amount of \$247.00, receipts at the door were \$21.00, a total of \$268, and after deducting expenses, the net proceeds were a few cents short of \$250. As originally intended, one-half of this amount, or the nice little sum of \$125, goes to the King's Daughters, while the other half has been turned over to the German school.

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TOM AYOY,  
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Reception

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